

Former Bomb Disposal Tech Dies of Coronavirus Complications

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Riverside County, California David Werksman, a 22-year deputy with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department died of complications due to the coronavirus. Werksman joined the Riverside County Sheriff's Department in 1998, working in the jails, on patrol before joining bomb squad, an assignment he held for 11 years before moving into the Sheriff's Department's administration unit, handling public records requests.



Werksman, 51, was the second Riverside sheriff's deputy killed by the virus in a day as Terrell Young, 52, a deputy in the county jails, died the same day. As of early April, 35 sworn officers and eight civilian employees with the Los Angeles Police Department have tested positive for COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.

Young and Werksman did not work together and did not encounter each other while infected with the Coronavirus. No Sheriff's Department employees who worked with Werksman have shown symptoms of the virus.